

GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF FUNCTIONING (GAF) UPDATE

Start at the bottom. Circle the appropriate description of the client's psychological functioning, social functioning, and occupational functioning on the continuum below. Do not include impairments in functioning due to physical or environmental limitations; acute and chronic physical illness. Do not attempt to adjust or compensate rating for the presence or absence of medications. Refer to the DSM IV TR as needed. **Appropriate documentation in the chart must support this update. The lowest scored indicator determines the client's GAF score.**

If the score is over 70 please consult your supervisor.

SCORE	PSYCHOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING	SOCIAL FUNCTIONING	OCCUPATIONAL FUNCTIONING
61-70	Some mild symptoms (e.g., depressed mood and mild insomnia)	Some difficulty in social functioning but generally functioning pretty well has some meaningful interpersonal relationships.	Some difficulty in occupational or school functioning (e.g., occasional truancy or theft within the household)
51-60	Moderate symptoms (e.g., flat affect and circumstantial speech, occasional panic attacks)	Moderate difficulty in social functioning (e.g., few friends, conflicts with peers)	Moderate difficulty in occupational or school functioning (e.g., conflicts with peers or co-workers)
41-50	Serious symptoms (e.g. suicidal ideation, severe obsessional rituals, frequent shoplifting)	Any serious impairment in social functioning (e.g., no friends)	Any serious impairment in occupational or school functioning (e.g., unable to keep a job)
31-40	Some impairment in reality testing or communication (e.g.. speech is at times illogical, obscure or irrelevant)	Major impairments in several areas, such as, family relations, judgement, thinking, or mood (e.g. depressed man avoids friends, neglects family)	Major impairments in several areas, such as work or school (e.g. depressed man is unable to work)
21-30	Behavior is considerably influenced by delusions or hallucinations	Serious impairment in communication or judgement (e.g. sometimes incoherent, acts grossly inappropriate, suicidal preoccupation)	Inability to function in almost all areas (e.g., stays in bed all day, no job, home or friends)
11-20	Some danger of hurting self or others (e.g., suicide attempts without a clear expectation of death: frequently violent: manic excitement)	Gross impairment in communication (e.g., largely incoherent or mute)	Occasionally fails to maintain minimal personal hygiene (e.g., smears feces)
1-10	Serious suicidal act with clear expectation of death	Persistent inability to maintain minimum personal hygiene	Persistent danger of severely hurting self or others (e.g., recurrent violence)
0	Inadequate Information		

Admission GAF: _____ Annual Review Date: _____

GAF Score Today: _____ Today's Date: _____

Staff Signature/Title: _____

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Client: _____

MR/Client ID #: _____

Program: _____